

# ***Santa Cruz Island Primary Restoration Plan***

## ***CHAPTER FIVE***

### **CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

#### ***Coordination***

Public Law 96-199, the act that created Channel Islands National Park, allows for federal funds to be used for cooperative resource management on lands owned by The Nature Conservancy within the boundaries of Channel Islands National Park. Cooperative management between the Park and TNC is essential for many resource issues that cannot be contained within ownership boundaries. Such issues include management of weeds, terrestrial resources (especially Santa Cruz Island Fox management), and feral animals.

As discussed in Chapter One, management of the feral pig population on Santa Cruz Island is the top priority for the TNC/NPS cooperative resource management effort. The Park has embraced TNC as a full partner in the development of strategies to eliminate pigs from Santa Cruz Island. Under TNC management, pig control, and research into feral pig impacts have been ongoing for 20 years. This experience has made them uniquely qualified to provide expertise into the development of this project.

As a federal project, the National Park Service retains final decision making authority for this project. As private landowners, TNC is not bound to implement the Park's decision. However, successful implementation of this project is contingent on TNC supporting the Park's decision. To ensure success of the project, the Park will enter into a cooperative agreement with TNC to implement the Park's decision. The agreement will outline the necessary actions each entity must undertake to implement the project.

#### ***Public Involvement***

#### ***Internal Scoping and Public Involvement Process***

The NEPA "scoping" process [40CFR 1501.7] was used to determine the scope of the analysis and to identify potential issues and opportunities related to the Proposed Action. A complete summary of the scoping and public involvement process for the proposed project is as follows:

### ***Internal Scoping***

The Park has successfully eradicated pigs on Santa Rosa Island. Through this effort the Park has collective knowledge about the issues surrounding pig impacts and pig eradication.

### ***External Scoping***

External scoping refers to the effort the Park made to solicit input from the local public, organizations, and other government regulatory agencies. Of particular note is the contribution of knowledge to the Park from The Nature Conservancy. Over 20 years TNC has been involved in pig control efforts on owned lands of Santa Cruz Island. The Park has worked in close cooperation with TNC in developing both pig eradication alternatives as well as fennel control measures. The outreach methods the Park used to solicit input included: scoping letter, public meetings, presentations, website, and direct communications.

### ***Scoping Letter***

A letter describing the proposed action was sent to individuals and organizations who expressed interest in the Park's management, and government agencies who might have oversight/regulatory concerns about the project.

### ***Public Meetings***

On October 27<sup>th</sup> in Santa Barbara and on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1999 in Ventura the Park hosted public meetings. As part of this meeting the Park presented the need for the proposed action as well as the proposed action.

### ***Presentations***

The Park and TNC met with several local organizations and interested agencies to

personally inform them of the purpose and need for this action.

### ***Website***

The Park posted information regarding the project on its website.

### ***Direct Communication***

The Park made direct communication to regulatory government agencies that may have oversight concerns regarding the project. A list of these agencies can be found below.

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## ***Notification and Distribution of DEIS***

### ***Notification***

The Park will widely distribute the Draft EIS for comment. Methods the Park will use in notifying the general public that the DEIS is available for comment include:

#### ***Press Release***

The Park will issuing a press release to the 50+ local media outlets that are part of the Park's Public Relations mailing list.

### ***Legal Notice***

Placement of a legal notice that announces the availability of the Draft EIS for review will be placed in both the Santa Barbara News Press and the Ventura County Star.

### ***Website***

The Park will post the DEIS on its website in PDF format.

<http://www.nps.gov/chis/homepage/restoringsci.html>.

### ***List of Recipients***

#### ***Government***

- California Department of Fish & Game
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Ventura Office)
- Environmental Protection Agency (Washington Office)
- California Environmental Protection Agency
- Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
- California Coastal Commission
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Honorable Lois Capps
- Honorable Elton Gallegly

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- Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
- National Wildlife Research Center
- Institute for Wildlife Studies
- The Nature Conservancy
- Santa Barbara Botanic Garden
- Catalina Island Conservancy
- Environmental Defense Center
- National Parks and Conservation Association

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The Park maintains a mailing list of individuals and organizations interested in the activities of Channel Islands National Park. The executive summary and a notice will be sent to this mailing list that notifies them that the DEIS is available for review. The notice will give instructions on how to obtain a copy of the DEIS, view it at the Park's website, or review at the Park or the local library. To reduce costs associated with distribution of paper copies, the

Park will distribute the DEIS on CD-roms. Only upon special request will paper copies be distributed.

## *Response to Comments*

At the public meeting comments were given regarding the project. In addition, the Park received five written comments on the proposal during the scoping period. The comments received on the proposal were either asking the Park to consider a certain alternative, or to consider certain impacts which may occur as a result of implementing the proposed action.

### *Alternatives*

Comments the Park received during the scoping period asked that the Park consider sport hunting as part of the eradication effort. The Park dealt with the issue of Sport Hunting as follows:

#### *Sport Hunting*

This alternative was considered but was dismissed from consideration (see Chapter Two, “*Alternatives Dismissed from Further Study*”).

### *Impacts*

The comments the Park received on potential impacts to wildlife species asked that the analysis include impact analysis for the Island fox. This species was addressed in the Native Island Fauna section in Chapter Four.

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